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**From:** McLaughlin AC (Ainslie)  
**Sent:** 22 December 2010 11:12  
**To:** Middleton DF (David)  
**Subject:** FW: Edinburgh Trams:

David

To see. Edinburgh have been keen to get TS involved in the mediation process ever since it was first mooted. It cropped up again at the quarterly meeting with CEC earlier this month. I had asked them to flesh out in a bit more detail what they thought our role might be so we could consider. But Mr Swinney's decision pre-empts that. I will still need to see the detail so our and Ministers' interests are not compromised. When I get a better idea of what's involved I will let you know and probably a good idea we talk it through with Mr Swinney so he is comfortable.

Ainslie

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**From:** Boylan P (Paul) **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth  
**Sent:** 22 December 2010 10:50  
**To:** McLaughlin AC (Ainslie); Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth  
**Subject:** FW: Edinburgh Trams:

Ainslie,

Mr Swinney has asked that we make you aware he has offered your services to Councillor Dawe to help with the mediation service.

Regards

Paul

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**From:** Ramsay J (John)  
**Sent:** 21 December 2010 10:37

**To:** Zeballos L (Laura)  
**Subject:** Edinburgh Trams:



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10am item ...

Laura

As discussed last night, herewith a copy of the CEC Report for last Thursday's Council Meeting. As I advised, and despite last Friday's Evening News article by Chris Marshall, both tie and BSC have agreed on a mediator and he is in process of being approached with a view to mediation taking place as early as possible, hopefully in January. This is somewhat optimistic in our opinion but time is now of the essence, particularly as the current grant agreement expires at the end of March 2011 and if there is to be an extension for the remaining grant, Ministers will need to know what milestones / outputs can be realistically expected of the project.

Any further questions, don't hesitate to come back

#### The accepted Motion at the end of the meeting

"agreed that:

- a further revised business case would be brought forward to provide information on the programme, cost and contractual implications of the remaining stages of potential incremental delivery of phase 1a beyond St Andrew Square.
- that the Council agrees in principle to the transfer of management of the trams to Lothian Buses subject to a report on the governance arrangements necessary within the Council (as well as for TIE and TEL) in order to facilitate that transfer.
- that a review of the business case be undertaken by a specialist public transport consultancy that has had no previous involvement with the Edinburgh Tram Project.

Cllr Mackenzie had to accept a clause stating that the Administration had failed in adhering to an Act of Council by not bringing forward a fully revised business case.  
It was a Composite motion of the amendments put forward by Labour and the Conservatives"

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